(b) Government has the policy of progressively enhancing indigenous content of weapon systems in the Armed Forces. We are self reliant in several areas of military technology *i.e.* arms and ammunition, combat and armoured vehicles, guided missiles, aircraft, communication, radars and sonar systems.

(c) Self-sufficiency is dictated by threat perception in a region which is a continuously changing phenomenon. India is moving steadily in the direction of achieving the goal of self-sufficiency.

Short Service Commission in the Navy to Commercial Licence Holders

†995. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to award Short Service Commission in the Navy to the commercial licence holders for the sailing of ships;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of commissioned officers likely to be awarded commission?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Commercial licence holders of ships are eligible to apply for Short Service Commission in the Navy if they fulfil the age and educational criteria prescribed for recruitment in the Navy. There are no earmarked vacancies. Those persons who qualify in the Services Selection Board and come in the merit, are granted Short Service Commission.

Terrorists killed by Army in J&K

996. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of terrorists are waiting to cross over to India from across the border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the number of terrorists who have been killed by the army in Jammu and Kashmir recently;

(d) the number of officers and soldiers who have been killed by terrorists during these encounters;

(e) whether Government propose to deploy more army personnel in Jammu and Kashmir keeping in view the rising incidents of terrorism;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Recent reports indicate that a large number of launching camps along the Line of Control (LoC) from Rajouri to Gurez Sector have been activated where militants have been kept in readiness for infiltration.

(c) The Army has killed 560 terrorists in various operations during this year till 27th July, 2005.

(d) 71 officers and soldiers have been killed by terrorists in 2005 as on 25th July.

(e) to (g) The deployment of troops for counter terrorist operations is based on the threat perception and the prevailing situation in the State. It is constantly reviewed and necessary changes effected to counter the envisaged threat.

Purchase of 1965 War Plan by Pakistan

997. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the revelations made by Pakistani politician GoharAyub, son of the late Field Marshal & President of Pakistan Ayub Khan about the purchase by Pakistan of India's military plan of 1965 War between the two countries and other acts of espionage;

(b) if so, the details thereof, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether any inquiry into these revelations is proposed to be conducted?